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1. WE ARE NOW LOOKING CAREFULLY AT RANGE OF ISSUES RAISED IN BASE NEGOTIATIONS AND ATTEMPTING TO DEVELOP APPROPRIATE RESPONSES. FURTHER APPROACHES TO OUR NATO ALLIES ARE UNDER CONSIDERATION. ALSO WE WILL BE REFINING OUR THINKING ON POSSIBLE QUID PACKAGES AND ON FACILITIES QUESTION.

2. ESSENTIAL INGREDIENT IN DEVELOPING NEW US POSITION IS ACCURATE ASSESSMENT OF WHAT GOS FINAL DEMANDS MIGHT BE. IT WOULD BE VERY USEFUL IF EMBASSY COULD PROVIDE ON URGENT BASIS LATEST THINKING ON SPANISH OBJECTIVES, PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT OF REFERENCED IR, WHICH MAY INDICATE GOS DECISION TO FALL BACK FROM HARDLINE POSITION ON US FACILITIES DEPENDING ON MOVEMENT TOWARD NATO.

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3. YOUR ASSESSMENT, WHICH WILL BE OF IMMEDIATE UTILITY IN
PLANNING FOR EVENTS IN CONNECTION WITH NATO SUMMIT, MIGHT
CONSIDER, INTER ALIA, SPANISH PERCEPTIONS OF TRENDS
IN WESTERN EUROPE AFFECTING SPAIN'S ROLE, POSSIBLE DIVISIONS

WITHIN GOS ON DEFENSE RELATIONS WITH US AND WITH NATO,
AND SIGNIFICANCE OF PUBLIC OPINION FOR NEW AGREEMENT
AT PRESENT AND AFTER FRANCO, AS WELL AS RELATIVE PRIORITY
GOS MAY GIVE TO SPECIFIC BILATERAL ARRANGEMENTS SUCH
AS COMBINED MILITARY STAFF, FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR MILI-
TARY PURCHASES, TECHNOLOGY TRANSFERS, ETC. REF. B IS
VERY HELPFUL ON POSSIBLE ITEMS FOR QUID PACKAGE; WE WOULD
ALSO APPRECIATE YOUR VIEW OF THE RELATIVE IMPORTANCE OF
SUCH POSSIBILITIES, SINCE CLEARLY NOT ALL COULD BE
INCLUDED IN ANY NEW ARRANGEMENT. KISSINGER

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